



6 May 2020



Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Request
Our Ref: SSCOIA 2020-0036

I refer to your Official Information request received on 24 April 2020 for:

“All documents, correspondence, and advice on any proposal to modify or suspend the OIA during the pandemic. I am specifically seeking correspondence with the Ombudsman, and information on whether any Minister was briefed at any stage, but also all internal advice on exactly what such a modification would involve.”

The State Services Commission was not involved in, nor is it aware of, any proposal to modify or suspend the Official Information Act during the pandemic. We are therefore refusing your request in full under section 18(e) of the Official Information Act 1982, on the grounds that the information requested does not exist.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Ministerial.Services@ssc.govt.nz.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that we intend to publish this letter (with your personal details removed) on the State Services Commission's website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nicky Dirks'.

Nicky Dirks
Managing Principal – Ministerial Services
State Services Commission